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REMARKS

Claims 7, 10, 11, 13-18 are current pending. Claims 7, 10, 16 and 18 have been amended and claims 13-15 have been canceled. Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephone conference on January 10, 2006 and for confirming by telephone on February 17, 2006 that the claims as amended are in a condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants submit that this case is in condition for immediate allowance. Early and favorable consideration leading to prompt issuance of this Application is earnestly solicited.

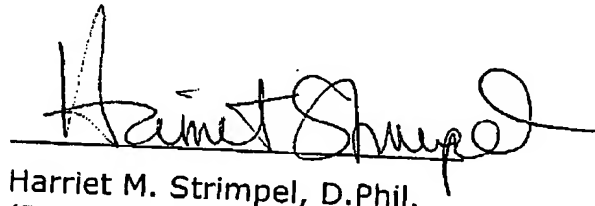
Applicants petition for a two-month extension of time to file a response and request that the extension fee of \$225.00 be charged to Deposit Account No. 14-0740.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: February 17, 2006

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